COMPETITION OR MONOPOLY, ISSUE

Louis D. Brandeis Expects Senate Committee Hearings to Educate Nation Up to Importance of This Question.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

"The great contest which will decide whether competition as an economic policy is to be saved or given up, will be opened so wide and so plainly this winter, that everybody will at last understand the tremendous character and ods. importance of the issue," declared Louis D. Brandels, the Boston lawyer and publicist, this morning.

Mr. Brandels is here to appear before Cummins subcommittee of the enate Interstate Commerce Committee, in hearings on the problems of trusts and interstate trade. The hearings will open on Wednesday, Soon after his arrival in Washington, Mr. Brandels consented to give to The Times an outline—the first ever presented—of the case that will be set forth by those who demand that the Sherman act shall be strengthened and supplemented, rather than repealed. Mr. Brandels believes competition must be preserved, that it can be preserved, and that the coming hearings will initiate a great discussion which will end in legislation

Says Competition Must Prevail.

"There is a widespread idea," said Mr., Brandels, "that competition has proved an economic failure, compared cheaper and better production possible That is a popular fallacy. Its fallaciousness will be demonstrated on a study of the actual workings of monopoly in country.

"Let me suggest two industries in "Let me suggest two industries in which comparison of the results of competition and monopoly is likely to be fruitful. They are book paper and petroleum products. Book paper has been a competitive business. The material from which paper is produced has been steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been a non-steadily growing scarcer and more costly. Petroleum products has been p competitive business. The raw material has been produced in increasing volume, calculated to make the product cheaper. ow, a study of actual price tendencies Now, a study of actual price tendencies in these two businesses will show that the business in which competition has prevailed has made vastly the better record. The users of book paper have profited far more by the competition than has dominated that business, than the users of petroleum products have profited by the monopoly-economies that are claimed to have produced such excellent results. cellent results.

Cites The Shoe Industry.

"Take another business in which monopoly and combination have been notoriously absent: the manufacture of shoes. Many reasons may be given for the absence of competition in this business, among which are the fact that

it requires very little capital.

"In a twenty-year period, it will be found, wages of labor have advanced very much. They are today very high, as compared to other industries of comparable character. The materials have gone up in a romarkable measure. Yet the product, though indeed prices are nominally higher, is of so much better

Congress Heights Has

With the opening of through trolley service to Congress Heights the per- YOU. sistent efforts of two citizens of that community have been rewarded in ac complishing the finishing touch of metropolitan improvement that has been the effort of the Congress Heights Public Improvement Association for years. Today, with through car serv ice, there is a complete system of gas, sewer and water throughout the suburb. sewer and water throughout the suburb. After lagging between the committee, General Harries, as head of the street car company, and the District Commissioners for several years the Congress Heights Association appointed Edward J. Newcomb and A. E. McKay as a new committee to secure for the heights the civic improvements that had been promised. Working with business princifes as the basis of their arguments, these two citizens convinced the Commissioners and railroad managers that the improvements would accomtant. that the improvements would accom-plish not only good for the community but also would show real physical value for both the District and the corpora-tion, and succeeded in rushing to com-pletion the proposed work.

Colored Club Plans to Leash Race Loan Sharks

To decrease operations of "loan sharks" among colored citizens of Washington is a campaign considered by the Common Welfare Club of the District, organized for social and ecobomic work among colored residents of the Capital. A meeting of the club is scheduled for December 2, when the campaign plans will be placed before

Increasing the number of playgrounds

for colored children, operation of savings, insurance and lean associations for colored citizens, and special study of health in alleys and courts are other activities planned by the club. The saloon question and orime are other subjects for study of the organi-tation, which meets mouthly at the home of some one of its members. The home of some one of its members. The officers are: Dr. George Cabaniss, president: Prof. George W. Cook, first vice president: Dr. M. O. Dumas, second vice president; Ocea Tavlor, secretary, and Rev O. L. Mitchell, treasurer. The board of directors 's composed of Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones Prof. Kelly Miller, Prof. E. C. Williams, Dr. W. M. Lofton, Dr. J. R. Wilder, Dr. J. R. Francis, and James A. Cobb.

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Third race—Steeplechase; short course. Jiu Jitsu, 149; The Speaker, 138; Miss Hynes, 135; Geo. Atwell, 135; Azure Maid, 140; Aranoe, 135 Aggression, 135. Fourth race—Selling, one and one-six-teenth miles. *Black Branch, 106: Flar-ney, 113; Joe Rose, 116: Daybelle, 108: Warner Griswell, 113; Lois Cavanaugh, 113: Ornamosa, 113.

113; Ornamosa, 113. Fifth race—Selling; five and a half furlongs. Barrette, 107; Republican, 115; Fanchette, 117; Mollie Kearney, 107; Silas Grump, 112; Henock, 112. Sixth race—Selling: five furlongs. Sir Edward, 113; *Starboard, 110; Bertis, 107; Lord Wells, 112; Mason, 112; Semi Quaver, 112; Lucille R., 115; G. Hall, 115; Paul Davis, 110.

"These results cannot be secured by monopoly and price regulation. It is utterly impossible. Progress, advance in methods, invention—all these stand still methods, invention—all these stand still when competition's spur no longer pricks. That is industrial history."

Mr. Brandeis declared that before the Senate committee had done its hearings the whole economics of competition vs. monopoly would be presented in a manner not heretofore undertaken, and he believed it would have a striking effect on the public mind. on the public mind.

Court's Lack Of Power.

"The Sherman act is practically annulled by the action of the circuit court in New York in approving the Tobacco trust's dissolution plan," said Mr. Brandels. "The Supreme Court sent the case back to the circuit court with instructions to devise a plan for disintegration of the combination. The circuit court has approved a plan presented by the attorneys for the combination, and, when urged to modify this plan, urged that it had not the power to do so. It was compelled to approve the plan presented by the lawyers for the combination. That plan does not end monopoly in the to-bacco business. It leaves the business substantially where it was before, and the attitude of Wall Street demonstrates that it understands perfectly how ineffective is any such dissolution as the circuit court has decreed in this case.

ngs before the Cummins committee will

Mr. Brandels will appear before the committee to present the views which he sketched to The Times today. He dees not expect to be heard for some time, as the committee will be occupied with the testimony of important New York capitalists and captains of indus-

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